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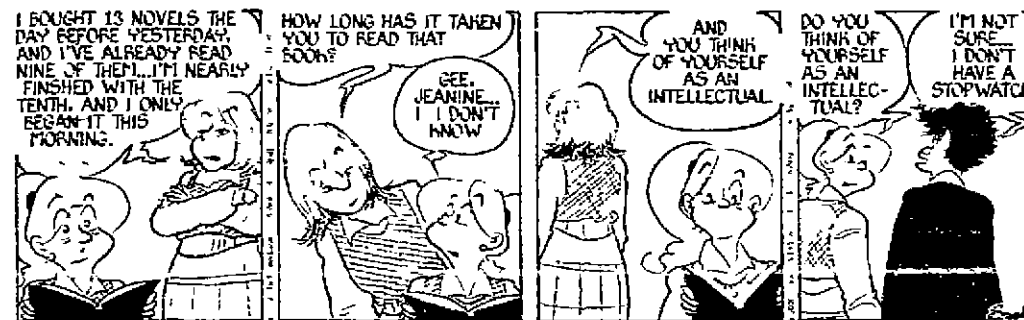
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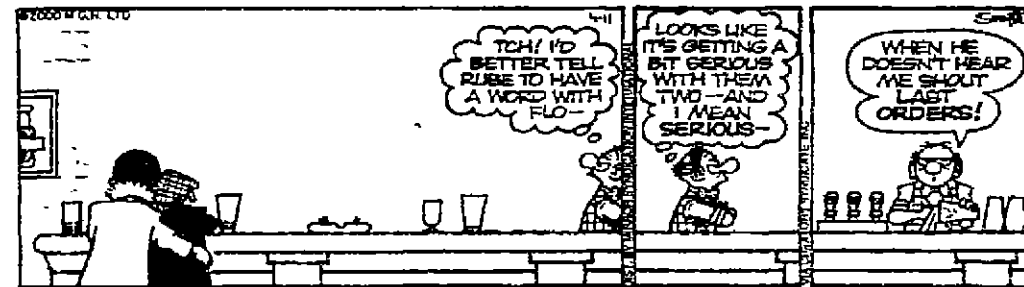
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



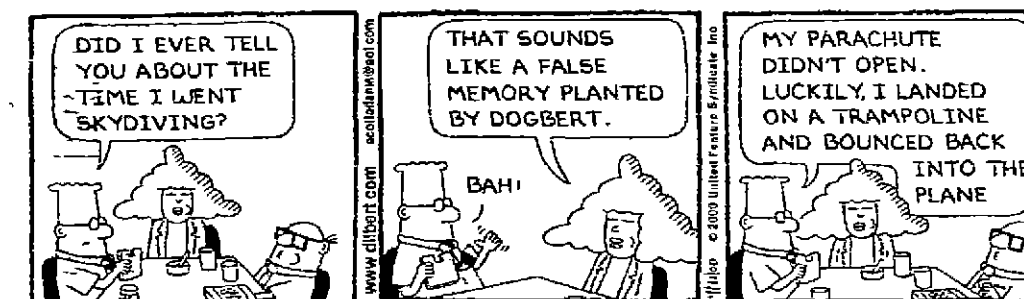
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



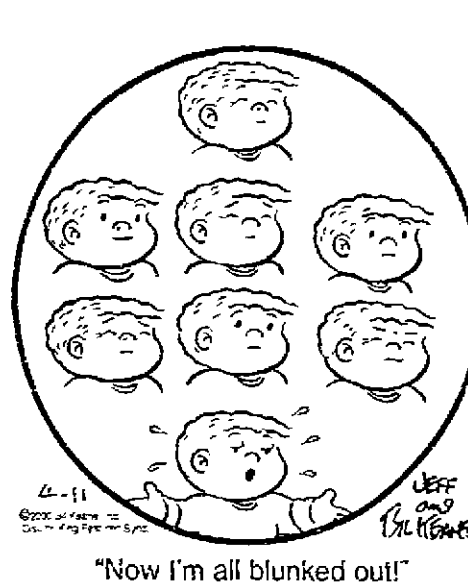
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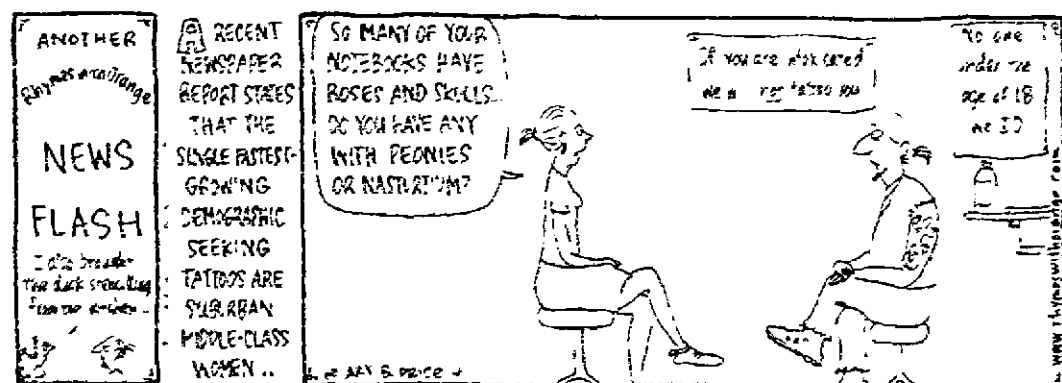
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



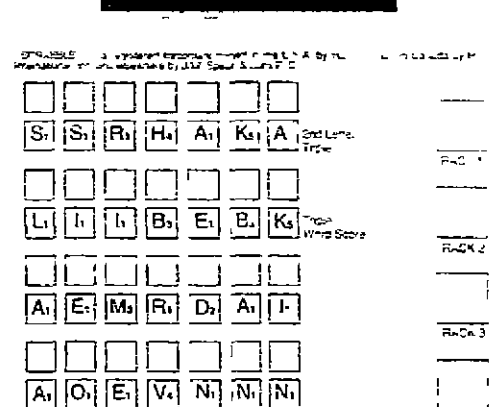
Today's Birthdays

Brenda Starr creator Dale Messick is 94.
Fash on designer Oleg Cassini is 87.
Movie producer Howard W. Koch is 84.
Former New York Gov. Hugh Carey is 81.
Ethel Kennedy is 72.
Actor Johnny Shellfield is 69.
Actor Joel Gray is 68.
Actress Louise Lasser is 61.
Syndicated columnist Ellen Goodman is 59.
Movie writer-director John Milus is 56.
Actor Peter Riegert is 53.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

WORDS WITH A "BUG"

ATQODLIGDEBYWTR
GDPMEKIDFLDYBYW
UUNGBSQOBGOGMKI
FLBAUDBOZUUGXWU
SQARGBODNBGULOJ
HFDDEURLRKUBCOA
YWVTYTBESNBMEBQ
GUBDEBTBTIEUPAN
LKIHDITUFTTRHEGR
CBZYIUVGHISIUSUR
QPNLMLJIHSFJFBE

Monday's unlisted clue: CELLAR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A ONE HORSE CARRIAGE

Bedbug Bugbear Firebug
Bug-eyed Bugle Humbug
Bugaboo Bugle Jitterbug
Buganda Doodlebug Ladybug

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, April 12

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Interacting with family members could prove difficult today. Make sure you are patient.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Gathering with your friends and family around the table is time well-spent.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's better to save for a rainy day than to be caught in the rain without a financial umbrella.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Today you get the chance to start over. Make a clean break, a fresh beginning.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Listen to that little voice inside of your head is telling you today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your free time is best spent with people who make you feel good about yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You must be the one to remain calm while you watch the people around you lose control of their emotions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is the perfect time to share your personal philosophies with interesting people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Flexibility is the key to getting through the day without a hitch.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You've heard that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence, but you won't believe it until you see it for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Catching up on tasks around the house is the best way to spend the day.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Something new can be made from something old today.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Today, the reader gets a ringside kibitzer's chair behind McKenney Trophy winner Dr. John W. Fisher of Dallas. West leads the spade seven, ducked to East's queen, South dropping the jack. What should East return at trick two? South's two-ace response marks West with an ace. Which ace is it most likely to be? South's three-no-trump bid eliminates the club ace. With the king and queen of clubs in dummy and the jack in the East hand, South would not have bid three no-trump with three small clubs. So East must choose between the red suits. South's bidding suggests five hearts and four diamonds. If West has as much as the heart jack to go with the diamond ace, South cannot get rid of dummy's diamonds on his hearts. However, if South has the ace and king of diamonds and West has the heart ace, South's diamond suit will run, even if West holds the jack and 10 of diamonds. Dummy's heart king will then go on South's fourth diamond. Analysis complete, Dr. Fisher reasoned that it was more likely South had the two top diamond honors than all three missing heart honors, so he returned a heart. West took the heart ace and two more heart winners, sending the amorous slam three down.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A K 10 9 6 2	♠ 8 4	♠ Q 8 7 6 5	♠ 3 2
♥ 5 4	♥ 3 2	♥ A K 10 9 8 7	♥ 6 5
♦ 10 9 7 6 5	♦ 4 3	♦ A K 10 9 8 7	♦ 6 5
♣ J	♣ 10 9 8 5 4	♣ A K 10 9 8 7	♣ A 2

Vulnerable: North South

Dealer: South

The bids are:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♥	Pass

Forces: Ace taking Two aces

Opening lead: Spade seven

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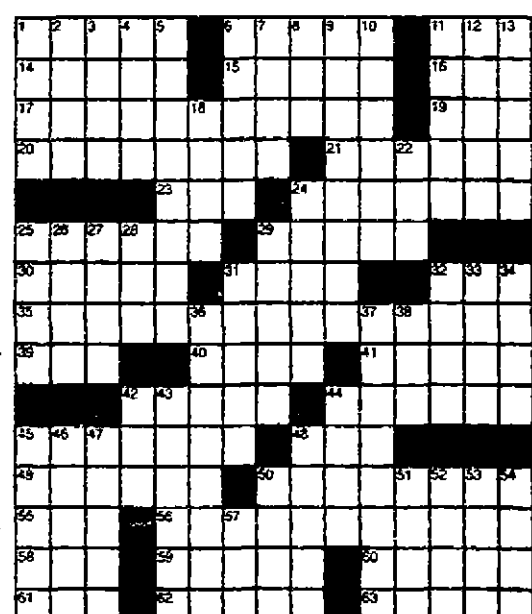
- 1 Menachem's 1978 co-Nobel list
6 "Get out!"
11 de Trompe
14 Hanging need
15 Card game authority Edmond
16 Dull card game
17 Actress who was married to Dudley Moore
19 Fuss
20 Puts on a computer hard drive
21 Jeweled headpieces
23 Set down
24 Old Hartford hockey team
25 Rouse
29 Singer Cara
30 Hoops player
31 Say confidently
32 "___ Boot"
35 California city by Joshua Tree National Park
39 Blue
40 Sport (popular vehicles)
41 "The Waste Land" poet
42 Summits
44 Hand-dyes with wax
45 Pilgrims to Mecca
48 "Wait a ___!"
49 Acid neutralizer
50 Most sugary
55 Compete
56 Trusting act
58 Night before
59 Golden award
60 Arm bones
61 Court divider
62 Rudder's place
63 Suspicious

DOWN

- 1 Prefix with disestablishmentarianism
2 Adjective follower
3 Affections
4 Like some mgrs.
5 Warning on the Enterprise
6 In a demure manner
7 Cud chewers
8 Deli bread
9 Sane
10 Highway divider
11 Not spaced-out
12 What Fuzzbusters detect
13 Angry
18 Fed head Greenspan
22 McSorley's product
24 Songbirds
25 New Testament book
26 Trumpet sound
27 Getting on in years
28 Mattel doll
29 Harvard, Yale, Brown, etc.
31 Poker starters
32 Half of MCV

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

WEE BOZOS HORDE
RAM ARENA OBOES
ARM LATER BESET
PLAY IT AGAIN SAM
ENES DOE
BOSS LOES MBE
EXAMS TOGA BOB
GIVEAWHLLHARRY
ADEN EASE CMENS
RED ARTS SABLES
ALT AERO
SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE
HOUSE LOTTE ERE
ASTIN STEEN TEL
DOORS OASES SOS



Puzzle by Peter Gordon

- 33 Run (go) crazy
34 Fast jets, for short
36 Most tasty
37 Tranquil
38 Hgt.
42 In the style of
43 Parts of string quartets
44 Complaint
45 Whiz
46 Martini garnish
47 ___ shooting
48 Like court testimony
50 Practice in the ring
51 A fisherman may bring one home
52 "___ kleine Nachtmusik"
53 Restaurant review symbol
54 Those people
57 Good service?

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